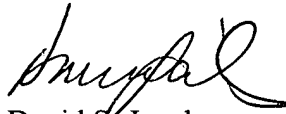


REMARKS

In light of all of the above, it is submitted that the claims are in order for review on the merits, and prompt allowance is earnestly requested. Should any issues remain outstanding, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney of record so that the case may proceed expeditiously to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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